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Roger Vanderpool
Director
Department of Public Safety
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Phoenix, Arizona 85005

Re: Enactment of Legal Arizona Workers Act

Dear Directors Morrison and Vanderpool:

Today I have signed into law House Bill 2779, the Legal Arizona Workers Act. As you know, the bill imposes the toughest penalties in the country against employers who knowingly or intentionally employ unauthorized aliens.

The bill will take effect on January 1, 2008. Because of the severity of the sanctions, it is foreseeable that participants in the underground market for illegal labor may intensify their efforts to create and/or rely on fraudulent documents related to immigration status. Arizona needs to be vigilant in detecting and prosecuting those who make, distribute and carry false identifications. I am therefore calling on the Departments of Public Safety and Homeland Security to work together to step up even further our efforts to control fraudulent identification, including by entering into intragovernmental agreements to supply additional officers and resources for the Fraudulent ID Task Force.

In addition, I am asking you to work together to develop and conduct fraudulent ID education seminars between now and the effective date of House Bill 2779. Such seminars should be designed to help honest Arizona employers to both detect fraudulent identification when it is presented to them and report fraudulent IDs to law enforcement.

Your continued cooperation and vigilance in enforcing the law on this and other issues is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", written over a horizontal line.

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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